

FOREST FIRES MENACE TWO CALIFORNIA TOWNS

COSTLY RANCH HOUSES AND COUNTRY ESTATES RUINED; HUNDREDS ARE HOMELESS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, June 16.—Two forest fires raging tonight in southern California mountain regions were threatening the destruction of two towns, Ojai and Carpinteria and already had done extensive property damage. Many costly ranch houses and country estates, some owned by wealthy easterners, were reported destroyed. Hundreds of people had been forced to flee from their homes and hundreds of men were fighting valiantly in temperatures of more than 100 degrees to gain control of the flames.

Numerous minor injuries had been reported but no deaths had been recorded.

At 10:30 o'clock tonight telephone advices from Ventura, fifteen miles south of Ojai, were to the effect that all communication with Ojai had been cut off and it was believed the town was burning.

Several hundred peoples were rescued by automobile parties sent in by way of Santa Paula.

The population of Ojai itself is about 1,000, while between 1,000 and 4,000 people reside in the Ojai valley, which is about five miles long. The flames thus far have been confined principally to the lower valley, of which Ojai is about the center. Entrance to the town, which is about 15 miles north of Ventura, is through two mountain passes—one leading from Ventura, on the coast and the other from Santa Paula.

There are a number of large orange and walnut orchards in the valley. Ojai for a number of years has been the scene of annual tennis tournaments in which some of the most prominent players in the country have participated.

Several persons were reported to have been seriously burned. Several fine residences on country estates have been destroyed.

The Western Union operator at Ojai, which was formerly known as Northhoff, reported to the Los Angeles office that the depot was on fire and that he was leaving his post. Inhabitants of the valley were fleeing. A call for automobiles for rescue work was sent out by Ojai citizens. Rescue parties from Ventura were prevented by the fire from entering the valley. Relief parties were being sent in by way of Santa Paula.

At nine o'clock it was reported by telephone that virtually every resident had fled from Ojai except employees of the Ojai state bank and operators in the telephone office. Hundreds of men were fighting the fire on the outskirts of the town.

The fire broke out early today in a canyon, north of Ojai, then along a brush covered mountain ridge to a point within two miles of Ojai, where desperate efforts were being made to save the little town. Among the fine country houses reported destroyed were those of E. D. Libby, of Toledo, Ohio; C. L. Pratt, secretary of the Standard Oil company and the residence of H. T. Sinclair and Loring Farm. Many smaller houses were burned.

The foothill hotel, recently rebuilt, was reported burning. This structure is about two miles north of Ojai. A special train left Ventura at 9:30 o'clock carrying men to aid in fighting the fire.

All of the physicians in Ventura were summoned to aid in the relief work.

SAY JIMENEZ CAPTURED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
EL PASO, June 16.—An unconfirmed report was being circulated by Villa agents here tonight that Villa and 400 of his men had captured Jimenez Chihuahua, an important town between Chihuahua City and Torreon. This was officially denied by Mexican government officials here.

BRITISH MAKE GAINS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
LONDON, June 16.—On the battle front south of Ypres in Flanders, British troops made additional gains today and took some more prisoners, says the report from British headquarters tonight. Fighting occurred during the day, the statement adds, in a sector of the Hindenburg line northwest of Bullecourt, where the British made an advance Friday.

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MUST PARE DOWN SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE LIBERTY LOAN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, June 16.—Secretary McAdoo announced tonight that no part of the great over-subscription to the Liberty Loan would be accepted, and that his statement of May 16 in which he declared that the issue would be limited to \$2,000,000,000 stood good now as then.

Mr. McAdoo's announcement will result in paring down hundreds of the larger subscriptions until the total reaches the \$2,000,000,000 limit. How much will have to be taken from the amount the country offered to take was still an unknown quantity tonight. The over-subscription will not fall below \$700,000,000 it seemed certain, and may go as high as \$900,000,000.

Mr. McAdoo issued the following statement: "Allotments of liberty bonds will not be made in excess of the two billion dollars offered. I announced this on May 16, when the details of the loan were first published.

"I have asked the reserve banks to tabulate separately, and on supplementary lists, the subscriptions received yesterday, June 15, after noon, in order that I may be in a position to consider, in making allotments of the two billion dollars of bonds, these applications, which through no fault of the subscriber were not recorded on time.

"It is impossible to forecast what decision will be reached in this matter or to determine the basis upon which allotments will be made until substantially definite returns have been received from the several federal reserve banks. The organizations of these banks are unusually efficient as they are, have been overwhelmed by the multitude of applications received at the last moment.

"I shall avail myself of the right reserved in the circular offering the bonds, to allot in full applications for amounts of bonds and to reduce allotments on applications for larger amounts, as such action will be clearly in the public interest.

Mr. McAdoo today acknowledged with appreciation the work of the forces of publicity which aided in the flotation of the loan.

"The Liberty Loan campaign," he said, "was essentially one of education and without the generous and patriotic support of the press of the nation, the hope of these in charge that it would be a popular loan would not have been realized. The untiring efforts of the newspapers throughout the campaign were a constant inspiration to the various other groups of workers.

"At a time when news space was at a premium, the Liberty Loan was featured at length. The foreign language press in thirty six languages daily proof of the undoubted loyalty of peoples of foreign birth.

"I shall be most grateful to the press if this acknowledgment is given wide publicity."

LOAN OVER-SUBSCRIBED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
KANSAS CITY, June 16.—The allotment of the Liberty Loan of \$2,000,000,000 to the Liberty Loan was declared to have been exceeded in a statement by reserve officials late tonight. Tabulations of the day's receipts showed that the loan was over-subscribed.

TO RESIST CONSCRIPTION

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
PHILADELPHIA, June 16.—A resolution to resist conscription was adopted tonight at a meeting of delegates representing 31 socialist and pacifist societies in this country which have formed an organization known as the "People's Council for Democracy and Peace." The present plan is the launching of a campaign against forcible military service by the distribution of literature and public weekly meetings.

RUTH CRUGER MURDERED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, June 16.—Discovery today of the body of 18 year old Ruth Cruger, the missing Wadleigh high school student who had been murdered and then buried under the cellar of a shop occupied by a bicycle dealer who fled to Italy after she disappeared, cleared a mystery which had baffled police for months. The girl's skull had been crushed. Miss Cruger's parents identified the body through articles of apparel she wore on February 12, the day she disappeared. Late in the afternoon the police took into custody several persons who were questioned closely. Alfredo Cochi, who fled from New York after the girl's absence from home was reported to the police, is being held at Bologna, Italy, and a warrant had been issued for his extradition.

Colorado River Is Rising And Flood Stage Feared

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEEDLES, Cal., June 16.—About thirty-five Mexican and negro families are homeless here tonight on account of having to move to higher ground to escape the flood of the Colorado river.

The thermometer registered 13.8 feet at Needles, against 12.3 feet, the previous record. Government surveys report the river bed two feet higher than last year.

The thermometer at Needles registered 118 degrees tonight. Reinforcement of a protecting levee apparently had eliminated today danger from the Colorado river flooding Needles. Scores of houses in the northeastern section of the town are in a lake six inches to two feet deep, made by seepage through the levee.

RISING AT YUMA

YUMA, Ariz., June 16.—The Colorado river reached a stage of 22½ feet here today and was still rising. The danger point is 30 feet. A stage of 28 feet or more by Monday was predicted by federal reclamation service representatives here.

INCOME TAX PAYS IN \$330,065,628

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Individuals and corporations throughout the country paid an income tax during the fiscal year now closing of \$330,065,628. The total yield exceeds the estimates of officials at the time of refraining the income tax schedule last September. Returns by revenue districts are announced by Secretary McAdoo. Included: California, \$9,651,565; Colorado, \$3,016,810; Montana, \$1,737,375; New Mexico, \$1,193,933; Texas, \$4,614,301.

CONSTANTINE GONE; TRY TO PRESERVE ORDER IN GREECE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
ATHENS, June 16.—(Via London.) Former King Constantine, who abdicated the Greek throne last Tuesday, now has left Greece territory.

Both the government and high commissioner representing the allies are taking every measure to avoid disorder. The general commanding the first army corps has ordered the temporary closing of the military club, where royalist officers were accustomed to meet. The authorities at Piraeus have posted notices summoning all who possess arms to deliver them to the authorities by tomorrow. More allied troops were landed at Piraeus today.

The food situation is improving. A steamer is discharging a cargo of wheat at Piraeus. Other cargoes are expected to meet the hungry. Normal conditions of navigation in Greek waters gradually are being restored. Mr. Jannart, the high commissioner representing France, Great Britain and Russia, who recently brought about the abdication of King Constantine, has published the following proclamation addressed to the Hellenes:

"France, Great Britain and Russia desire the independence, greatness and prosperity of Greece. They intend to defend the brave little land they have liberated against the united efforts of Turks, Bulgarians and Germans. They are here to checkmate the maneuvers of the hereditary enemies of the kingdom. They will put an end to the repeated violations of the constitution, of treaties and the deplorable intrigues which led up to the massacre of soldiers of the allies. Yesterday Berlin was in command of Athens and was gradually leading the people under the yoke of the Bulgarians and Germans. We resolved to re-establish the constitutional rights and unity of Greece. Protecting powers, therefore, demanded the abdication of the king. They have no intention of tampering with the constitutional prerogatives; they have in these sectors may be looked for, Berlin is expecting such a move by General Petain, according to unofficial advice.

In regard to a submarine in the Mediterranean on June 11, the Japanese destroyer Sakaki was torpedoed and 57 of her crew were killed and 14 wounded. The damaged destroyer was towed to port.

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Holland frontier points have reports that rioting of a serious character developed yesterday in several German towns.

CHINESE STATES ARM TO RESIST PEKING REBELLION

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, June 16.—A cablegram from Peking tonight stated that military operations by six of the Chinese southern provinces against the government was received here today by the Chinese nationalist league of New York from its headquarters in Canton. The league claims to represent the six provinces politically and to favor China's entry into the war on the entente side under the liberal republican government.

Southern troops already are marching on Wu Chang according to the message. The message read: "The six Chinese provinces of Kwang-Tung, Kwang-Si, Kwai-Chow, Yunnan, Hunan and Szechuan have co-ordinated their plans for active resistance to the rebellion in Peking and it is now certain that unless that rebellion is brought under control extensive military operations will ensue.

"Armies organized in all these provinces have sent emissaries to Canton, who have settled on General Lu Yung, the successful leader of last year's Yunnan rebellion which deposed President Yuan Shi Kai as their leader against the armies of the north.

"Southern troops are already marching toward Wu Chang. At a mass meeting of the citizens of Canton, immediate mobilization, and an increase of taxes for military funds were decided upon and will shortly be passed by the provincial assembly and promulgated by the governor, General Chang Kwan.

"The southern leaders now gathered in Canton represent all factions in liberal China and assert they have united solely to preserve a constitutional government under the republic. They have issued an appeal to the allied governments and to America not to loan money or support the northern rebels and to refrain from intervention in China's struggle against 'reactionary Prussianism.'

TWO MINUTE BATTLE IS WON BY BRITISH

(By Associated Press Correspondent)
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, (Via London) June 16.—The war's latest developments is a two-minute battle.

I took the British just that long to capture three-quarters of a mile of trenches on Infantry Hill, east of Monchy Le Preux, Thursday morning. The time for "going over the top" was set for 7:25 and at 7:27 clock rockets signalled the fact all along the line that the objective had been taken.

The British stone out of their trenches in broad daylight with a single shot of artillery preparation having been fired, rushed across no man's land, surprised the German garrison at breakfast and took three officials and 115 other prisoners without the slightest effort.

It was only after they had accomplished all this that the British barrage was placed behind the German positions in order to cut off any possible relief or immediate counter attack from that direction. There were only two British casualties and, on account of the surrenders, comparatively few German. Two enemy machine guns captured had not fired a single round during the attack.

One party of German officers at breakfast in a dugout refused to take seriously the sudden appearance of the British "tomnies" at the entrance to their underground dining room and

ENTENTE FORCES ON AGGRESSIVE ON MANY FRONTS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
Heavy fighting is in progress in Belgium, France and along the Austro-Italian fronts, with the entente forces on the aggressive.

Rome reports a considerable achievement by Alpine troops in the capture of a strong Austrian position at Carno Cavento, in the eastern Trentino at an altitude of more than 10,000 feet. Two field guns and several smaller guns were taken from the Austrians. Attacks on Italian positions in other sectors were repulsed.

The British attacked again today in the Bullecourt region on the Arras front and along the Arras-Cambrai road, according to indications in the Berlin official statement. The repulse of British attacks in Belgium and on the Aisne front yesterday is claimed. The French are increasing their fire both in the Aisne and Champagne regions and there are indications that a resumption of the French offensive in those sectors may be looked for. Berlin is expecting such a move by General Petain, according to unofficial advice.

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ARREST ANARCHISTS TO BREAK IMPAT-CONSCRIPTION PLOT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, June 16.—With the arrest today of 20 anarchists and the seizure of large quantities of anti-conscription literature, federal authorities believed they had made material progress in their efforts to stamp out an active propaganda in this city against compliance with the selective draft.

The first step in the round-up was the arrest yesterday of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, who were held in \$25,000 bail each today on charges of conspiring to prevent the enforcement of the conscription act. They were unable to furnish bonds and were still in the Tombs tonight.

Anarchist friends and supporters of Miss Goldman and Berkman, who were unceremoniously ejected from the federal building when they attempted to deliver speeches to a crowd of onlookers, played a prominent part in a serious clash between women rioters and the police soon after Miss Goldman and Berkman had been taken back to their cells.

About 500 women, who marched from the East Side to the city hall to present a petition to Mayor Mitchell protesting against the state military census, were returning to their homes after being told the mayor was not in his office, when they were stampeded by anarchist agitators. The women then re-formed their ranks and started a second march upon the city hall, crying "Down with the draft!"

As they approached City Hall park they charged the police reserves with batons and fists. The police were forced back until additional reserves were summoned. Several women and some of the officers were injured. Three women were arrested. On hundred and fifty young men who were seized last night at anti-conscription meetings for failure to register, were released today on promises to comply with the law.

AMERICA IS WELCOMED BY RUSSIA

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
PETROGRAD, June 16 (Via London)

"The Russian people consider war inevitable and will continue it. The Russians have no imperialistic wishes. We know that you have none. We shall fight together to secure liberty, freedom and happiness for all the world. I am happy to say that I do not see any possibility of a factiousness between America and Russia to divide us. We two peoples—Russia fighting tyranny and America standing as the oldest democracy—hand in hand will show the way to happiness to nations great and small."

These ringing words, expressing the attitude of the Russian government toward America and the American mission headed by Elihu Root, were voiced tonight by M. Tereshchenko, minister of foreign affairs, responding for the council of ministers to Mr. Root's address of sympathy and good will to the part of the American government.

"The American ambassador, Mr. David R. Francis, presented the Root mission to the ministers in Marinsky palace, explaining that the members of the mission had come to Russia to discover how America can best co-operate with its ally in forwarding the fight against the common enemy. The presentation was very informal, only a few Russian officials and the members of the American embassy attending. M. Tereshchenko, the youthful minister of war just back from one front, wore the khaki blouse of a common soldier.

"The ministers listened with rapt attention to Mr. Root's address, which was an impressive utterance both in substance and manner. M. Tereshchenko rose from a sick bed to attend the presentation. He said that Russia's revolution was based on the wonderful words uttered by America in 1776. He read part of the Declaration of Independence and exclaimed: "Russia holds with the United States."

Russia now faces two problems, said the minister, the necessity of creating a strong democratic force within its boundaries and the fighting of an external foe.

Mr. Root spoke as follows: "Mr. President and Members of the Council of Ministers: "The mission for which I have the honor to speak is charged by the government and people of the United States of America with a message to the government and people of Russia. The mission comes from a democratic republic. Its members are commissioned and instructed by a president who holds his high office as chief executive of more than one hundred million free people by virtue of popular election, in which more than eighteen million votes were freely cast and fairly counted pursuant to law, by universal, equal, direct, and secret suffrage.

"For one hundred and forty years our people have been struggling with the hard problems of self government. With many short comings, many mistakes, many imperfections, we still have maintained order and respect for law, individual freedom and national independence. Under the security of our own laws we have grown in strength and prosperity. But we value our freedom more than wealth. We have loved and we cherish above all our possessions the ideals for which our fathers fought and suffered and sacrificed that America might be free.

"By the time of the competence of the power of democracy and in our heart of hearts abides faith in the coming of a better world in which the humble and oppressed of all lands may be lifted up to freedom, to a heritage of justice and equal opportunity.

"The news of Russia's new found freedom brought to America universal satisfaction and joy. From all the land sympathy, friendship, brotherhood, God-speed, Distant America knows little of the special conditions of Russian life which must give form to the government and laws which you are about to create. As we have developed our institutions to serve the needs of our national character, so, we assume, that you will develop your institutions to serve the needs of Russian character and life.

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Registrations Are Reported From All But Three States

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, June 16.—Registrations totalling 8,896,790 under the selective draft law had been reported tonight from 45 states and the District of Columbia. The three states still missing were Massachusetts, Kentucky and Wyoming, whose aggregate is expected to bring the grand total close to 9,500,000.

By the time the registration rolls of the provost marshal general are complete officials may be ready to proceed with selections for the first army increment. Work on the regulations to govern selections and exemptions has continued while the totals were being compiled and it was indicated tonight some announcement might be expected within a few days.

The greatest single problem presented is formulation of a fair policy of selecting exemption tribunals. Three plans are understood to be under consideration. One would provide for appointment through the governors of the states, a second through federal judges, and the third through a central committee to be located in Washington.